

REMARKS

By virtue of this response, Claims 3, 11, 12, 21, 29, 30 and 38-40 are amended.

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It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action fails to establish *prima facie* obviousness for the following reasons. Below, Applicants explain that Suumaki, in view of Jungck, does not teach all of the elements of Claims 1, 19 and 40.

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PDP context is to be started and how the mapping is performed (see col. 11, lines 55-57). Only then is a data transfer filter defined so that packets can be filtered and packets sent down a particular PDP context. Of note is that the IP headers are applied after the SAPI interface.

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